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Newark's Fifty Years.

The City of Newark will this week complete fifty years of its existence as a

The preparations for celebrating this event have been very few and the apathy with which this anniversary is regarded is so great as almost to suggest the idea that the inhabitants feel no special pride in the municipality in which they live.

Nevertheless Newark has made tremendous strides during this half century, in its increase in population and importance, and in the variety of its manufac-

It is stated that the last United States Census showed that a greater number of different articles are manufactured in Newark than in any other city in the

The population of the city is, for this to sell. reason, largely composed of working people, and the percentage of its citizens who depend upon their daily toil is unusually great.

This condition of things has its advantages, but it also has its drawbacks. Where the necessity of earning daily bread absorbs the whole attention of the people, small chance exists for other means of development.

Municipal affairs have been managed with a good degree of fidelity and hones ty, but no attempt has been made to devise any broad or far-sighted plans for internal growth. Strictly speaking there is no residence quarter.

Factories and business houses have been allowed to extend in every direction and the smoke of the furnace and the noise of the machines penetrate almost to the suburbs.

The city has a debt, which, though not alarming in its proportions, seems very large when you consider how little has been secured of a permanent character.

There are no public buildings belongto the city in which the resident can take any pride.

The parks are few, and so small that they only serve as play grounds for small children. There is not a well-paved street in the city. 'A few blockson Broad and Market street have recently been repaved, but cobble stones and mud are the prevailing style.

The railroad facilities are good, but the passenger and freight stations would disgrace a western city of one-fourth its

The hotel accommodations are inferior. and a belated traveller hastens to New York for comfort or luxury.

The police force has never taken high rank for efficiency, but the firemen have long had a deservedly high reputation for skill and thorough work.

The sewerage system is limited and poor, while the water supply is so obnoxious that the people are beginning to hold indignation meetings to compel action by the authorities.

It would not be quite true to say that Newark is a large city of small men, but it is none the less true that the ablest men in Newark have had but little influence in controlling its character or shaping its growth.

They have minded their own business too closely, and Newark has suffered in consequences.

The city is large and industrious and thriving, but in respect to those advantages which make it desirable as a place of residence, it cannot be compared with Orange or Morristown or many of the small towns which have grown up about

Many of the objections which we have spoken of ought to be corrected in the Metal Back Photograph near future, but they will not be corrected until an enlightened and generous public spirit shall have the courage to recognize the fact that they exist. At Also Chromos, Paintings, Enpresent it will be difficult to find any one who will have the hardihood to say "Better fifty years of Newark than a cycle of

Real Estate.

Sales of real property have increased

perceptibly of late. They have been mostly in small lots at low prices, and for immediate improvement. Tradesmen, city clerks and workingmen are looking around for investment: Houses for rent are scarce, rents are high, and interest upon money low. Not a few workingmen, frightened by the failures of savings banks, are investing in houses and lots for their own use or for rent. Those employed in the city find it cheaper now to build than to hire a house. Tradesmen with money to spare, prefer to be their own investors, building houses for investments or use. Not a few old places have changed hands through inability of their former owners to pay interest and taxes, or because of

the necessity of selling to settle estates. Houses for the great world beyond our borders are scarce. Attractive buildings with water, gas, and other modern appliances in good neighborhood rent or sell readily to those who desire the quiet of country-life after a day of toil in the city.

The sales of real estate are very encouraging to large holders of such property. For many years taxation has been heavy. Personal property has largely escaped its share of the burdens of the State. Through foreclosure or tax sales, much property has been lost. The passage of the bill presented in the present legislature to permit the absolute sale of real estate for taxes, and the reduction of interest to five per cent would have been disastrous. While upon large loans five per cent is enough, small loans and those of inferior security are troublesome and well worth a slightly additional interest. To sell real estate absolutely for taxes would make its possession insecure in many caces, and investment in it unprofitable. Fortunately, both bills are likely to fail.

The outlook for this species of property s therefore good. At the present low prices, it is a good investment for our own people who have money to invest, and can with confidence be recommended to inquirers from the cities. They can not buy in any of the neighboring towns at so low a price, or with better chances of securing an advance when they choose

At the same time, it is wise for holders of such property not to expect a rapid ad vance. Improvements in the past have been summarily checked by this means, coupled with an inveterate determination to avoid expense. This plainly will not do. Small lots, low prices, good roads, sidewalks, and other facilities alone will attract customers. Quick sales and small profits will prove more advantageous in the end than exorbitant demands with no sales at all. The present is a good time to sell as well as to buy; always on condition that it is for immediate improvement No one can tell how long the present favorable conditions may continue, but those who sell will find their interest and tax account smaller, and those who buy for improvement will find the market favorable, either for rent or sales.

Those who need houses can not do better than to secure them, even at the expense of a small mortgage. Economy and thrift will soon repay the money borrowed, but rent over and above a fair interest is a dead loss. The stability of real estate may well commend it to the attention of those who are frightened by the present insecurity of railroad stocks and other in-

The Newark Advertiser says:

We cannot hope for peace and har mony in the Legislature as long as the celebrated gap at Jersey City remains unbridged. From the earliest times to the present, we might almost say, the pros and cons of that historic question have never failed to involve our law-makers in acrimonious debate. It was hoped that ex-Assemblyman Cator's blast, the other night, would be the final blow-out for the season, the Trenton Opera House having been hired for that special purpose and occasion. But Senator Youngblood must needs introduce this fire brand into the Senate in the shape of la bill which has been defeated in the A sembly, but which he assured his co leagues was not identical with that bill As a matter of fact, the two were identical. Naturally, the Senators who have committed themselves to the measure on the strength of Senator Youngblood's assurances, were mighty mad when they found that they had been misled. Then there was a scene. Sundry Senators twitted each other, and Mr. Youngblood, instead of explaining things, denounced one of his fellow-Senators as a representative of a corporation. All this is very much to be deplored. The Jersey City people should have the bridge; firstly because they need it; and secondly, because there will be no end of trouble until they get it.

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